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Dec.2010 DRAFT Minutes

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VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP
DECEMBER 15, 2010 MEETING

SUSTAINABLE ARLINGTON
Unitarian-Univ. Church Hall

In attendance: Arif Bedari, Shelly Dein, Deanne Dupont, Todd Hay, Elizabeth Karpati, Ryan Katofsky, David Landskov, Linda Malik, Gail McCormick, Charlotte Milan, Brucie Moulton, Scott Samenfeld, Michael Wilson.

Facilitator: Charlotte Milan **Minutes:** Elizabeth Karpati

Next meetings: Thurs. Jan. 20, Wed. Feb. 16, Thurs. Mar. 17, Wed. Apr. 20, Thurs. May 19, Wed. June 15, Thurs. July 21, Wed. Aug. 17, Thurs. Sept. 15, Wed. Oct. 19, Thurs. Nov. 17, Wed. Dec. 14; 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall Annex, First Floor.

- The **minutes** of the November meeting were accepted as presented.
- The Outreach committee recommends a periodic **e-mail newsletter** with committee reports, separate from the Yahoo list; some members may want only the newsletter without all the e-mail messages exchanged on the Yahoo list. To start in January.
- Committee reports for 2010 are to be put on the website.
- The January meeting may include some visioning, but we already have projects for 2011.
- Brucie is in charge of planning a **film series on water-related issues**. Volunteers are needed to view possible films and select which ones to use. Location(s) for showing the films must be found – Senior Center? U-U church? High School? (Cost for janitors unless school is open anyway, e.g. for community education classes, but these don't start until March.) Arif suggested having prizes (lottery?) for people who present ticket stubs from several films.
- Arlington Center for the Arts and the Old Schwamb Mill are interested in the film series; the latter is planning a water-related art show. We could have related exhibits in schools and at Town Hall. Both organizations want to have tables at the EcoFest.
- Gail reported on the **rain garden** being planned for a wet spot at Magnolia Field: we have a small grant from NEGEF, will ask for another from MCAN. We have a designer who will do it pro bono, will need volunteers for construction and some help from DPW for the heavy work. Arlington Center for the Arts wants to put a piece of public art in this garden. It was suggested that the rain garden could be dedicated to someone deserving.
- Todd reported that he is planning geothermal heating for his home.
- The final list of recommended locations for **bus shelters** is ready to be presented to the decision makers.
- The meeting ended with a potluck at which we toasted the accomplishments of 2010, including getting Arlington designated a Green Community and thus becoming eligible for a \$200,000 state grant for energy efficiency improvements such as LED street lights.